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1. DURING MEETING WITH EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON ON

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AUGUST 24 (REFTEL B), DEPT. MADE CLEAR IT WAS PREPARED TO

NEGOTIATE A FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH EC ON BEHALF OF ITS MEMBER STATES IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR IN WASHINGTON IF EC WAS IN A LEGAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO MEMBER STATES TO DO SO. DEPT. ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH AN AGREEMENT, PURSUANT TO U.S. LAW, WOULD ONLY ESTABLISH THE PRINCIPLES AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE PERMITTED TO APPLY FOR A PORTION OF ANY SURPLUS AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES, AND THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT GUARANTEE THE EC OR ANYONE ELSE A FISHERY UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

2. CONCERNING REFTTEL A, PARA 2, DEPT. INITIATED NEGOTIATIONS IN MOSCOW IN JULY AND WILL RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN NOVEMBER IN WASHINGTON. BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH USSR, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER COUNTRIES, IS DRAFT GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA) WHICH WAS INFOED TO MISSION (REFTTEL C). DEPT. IS NOT REPEAT NOT OFFERING ANY

FISH TO USSR OR OTHER COUNTRIES IN CONTEXT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS; NOR WILL DEPT. BE IN A POSITION TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE UNDER TERMS OF NEW U.S. LEGISLATION.

3. REGARDING REFTTEL D, PARA 1, DEPT. UNDERSTANDS EC GOAL OF OBTAINING RECOGNITION OF THE "GOOD RECORD" OF EC FISHERMEN OFF U.S. COAST. HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EC. ROBINSON

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